

NDE Bulletin
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2013 Annual NDE Data Conference - Registration

Contact: Debe Dockhorn (402-471-2748 or NDEdataconf2012@nebraska.gov)

The 2013 Annual NDE Data Conference **"THE POWER OF DATA"** will be held April 29 & 30, 2013 in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center. Please visit the conference website at <http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov> to register (\$100).

Session Information is now available on the NDE Conference website. This information is subject to change, and will be updated as available. Please check here for the latest information about the sessions to be presented at the 2013 NDE Data Conference.



Dashboard Design Team

Contact: Marilyn Peterson (402-471-4483 or marilyn.peterson@nebraska.gov)

As part of the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grant NDE received, we will be building a dashboard for districts. A dashboard allows data from local and state systems to be combined and presented in a way to help teachers and administrators use their data to improve student performance. Examples of dashboards can be viewed at <http://www.ed-fi.org/students/aaron/>.

We are at a point where we need to decide what questions the dashboard should be able to answer and what data is needed to answer those questions for Nebraska's schools. We would like to offer any district or ESU the opportunity to be part of designing the dashboard by becoming a member of the Design Team.

To participate in the Design Team, a district or ESU must agree to: (a) hold one meeting before the end of this school year of classroom teachers and administrators, (b) Identify priority questions and data elements to include in the dashboard, (c) file a report on the results of meeting, and (d) provide feedback in the next school year as the dashboard is developed.

NDE will supply the meeting agenda, Instructions and process to be used for the meeting, and the file for the report. NDE will collect the data from all members of the Design Team and identify the highest priority questions and data elements to include the dashboard project.

At this time, there is no limit on the number of members of the Design Team. We do want to ensure geographic representation and diversity in districts size. Volunteers to assist in piloting and developing the dashboard will occur at a later date and being a Design Team member does not preclude anyone from also serving as a pilot district.

To apply to be a part of the Design Team, provide the following information and submit to: Marilyn Peterson (Marilyn.Peterson@nebraska.gov) by April 11, 2013.

District or ESU name, name of the person who will be the leader of the required meeting, and contact information for meeting leader (phone and email).



Nutrition Services and the 2013 Annual NDE Data Conference

Contact Eva Shepherd (402-471-3655 or eva.shepherd@nebraska.gov)

Nutrition Services would like to invite schools participating in the Child Nutrition Programs to come to the 2013 Annual NDE Data Conference that will be held April 29th and 30th in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center. This year, Nutrition Services is offering a session and course related to Direct Certification and the CNP system. Schools are required to check their Direct Certification list three times a year and this session/course will address how to develop strategies to evaluate your district's possible matches by using the score and available data elements. We will also review the qualified values for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly the Food Stamp Program (FS), the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF), and Foster Child and how to use them when reporting. We will also address security topics such as creating User IDs.

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Time and Effort Logs Reminder

Contact Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

- a. Any personnel paid from Federal Funds must maintain a time and effort log. Logs must be signed by the employee and building principal, HR representative, or superintendent, and kept on file. These will be reviewed during ESEA/NCLB monitoring. Local auditors may also request to see the logs. **REMEMBER:** Time and Effort logs are required for every staff member in Title I schoolwide buildings that are paid with **any** source of federal funds.
 - i. Monthly verifications are required if paid from multiple cost objectives
 1. An employee is considered to work on multiple cost objectives if they work on
 1. More than one federal award;
 2. A federal award and a non-federal award;
 3. An indirect cost activity and a direct cost activity;
 4. Two or more indirect cost activities which are allocated using different allocation bases; or
 5. An unallowable activity and a direct or indirect cost activity
 - ii. Biannual verifications if paid from only one source or working on a single cost objective.
- b. Additional information regarding Time and Effort Logs can be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/TimeandEffortLog.html>



Title I Schoolwide Self Review (Due May 1st)

Contact: Beth Zillig (402-471-2452) or beth.zillig@nebraska.gov

This is only for Schoolwide Buildings scheduled to do a Self-Review this year

The 2013 Schoolwide Self Review Scoresheet is now available on the Title I website <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20I%20Part%20A.html> for those Title I Schoolwide buildings scheduled to do a Self-Review this year. (Buildings highlighted in green or purple)

on the schedule) [http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20I/2012-13 SW Peer, Monitor, Self Schedule 3 07 13.pdf](http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20I/2012-13%20SW%20Peer%20Monitor%20Self%20Schedule%203%2007%2013.pdf)

The Schoolwide Plan Peer and Self Review Rating Rubric used to complete the score sheet can also be found on the website at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20I/10-2012%20SW%20PEER%20and%20SELF%20REVIEW%20RUBRIC.pdf>

Please submit the following to the NDE Title I Office by May 1, 2013. A hard copy or an emailed scanned copy may be submitted.

1. Signed cover sheet
2. Completed score sheet (Summary scoresheet only; please do not submit the 12-page rubric)
3. Names of persons involved in the review process
4. Minutes from the meeting(s), and
5. Any changes to the building's schoolwide plan (if applicable)



Title III LEP and Immigrant Counts (Due April 1 at 5:00 p.m.)

Contact: Nancy Rowch (402.471.2477 or nancy.rowch@nebraska.gov)

In April, we will be pulling data from NSSRS to ensure that we have the most current numbers of limited English proficient (LEP) and immigrant students. This data will serve as the basis for district allocations for the 2013-2014 school year for both the Title III LEP and Title III immigrant programs. The following NSSRS fields are used in determining the Title III allocations: Field 95, LEP eligibility and Field 89, Immigrant indicator. **Please check your data to ensure that it is updated.**



NeSA-RMS Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMS are presented in the following table. Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

NeSA-Reading, Math, Science	
Distribute R, M, S Materials to Test Administrators	Same Day as Testing
NeSA-Reading, Mathematics, and Science Testing Window	March 25 – May 3
Last Day for UPS to Pick Up R, M, S Test Materials From Districts	May 8
NeSA WebEx on Reporting R, M, S	July 1, 2 and 9
NeSA-R, M, S reports available to districts on eDIRECT	July 10
NeSA-Writing	
Writing Reporting WebEx (10 a.m.)	April 23
Writing Reporting WebEx (1 p.m.)	April 24
Writing reports available to districts on eDIRECT	April 29

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

How to contact the NDE Helpdesk

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions. All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of these options.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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